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## **Sen. Hardiman hailed as ‘Family Friendly’ lawmaker**

**LANSING** – Sen. Bill Hardiman, R-Kentwood, was honored for his work promoting healthy families and communities by the Michigan Association of Marriage and Family Therapy today, he announced.

“I’m honored that my efforts to strengthen families and marriages have been noted by the association,” Hardiman said. “Healthy marriages are so important to the well-being of families, and I applaud the work of family counselors in helping couples work through their difficulties.”

The association praised Hardiman’s legislative leadership on behalf of families. “Your legislative activities both in policy and budget as well as your continued commitment in your community to support healthy families is highly regarded and recognized,” wrote association president Laura Mohr in telling the senator of the award.

When the association presented the award, Mohr said, “As a profession dedicated to supporting families, we are delighted to honor Senator Hardiman and his lifetime achievements strengthening marriages and families in Michigan.”

The group singled out Hardiman’s introduction of Senate Bill 489, which would allow marriage and family therapists to do psychotherapy with people, families, couples or groups as it relates to marital or family relations.

The association represents professionals in marriage and family therapy.

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